

## **JDSF RESEARCH GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE / ADMINISTRATION**

1. The Forest Manager is responsible for monitoring water, soil, vegetation, atmospheric, stream, visual, fuel, wildlife, archaeological resources and pest conditions, and directs appropriate management activities. The Forest Manager will review proposed research projects and recommend measures to mitigate potential significant adverse environmental effects. The Manager will ensure all projects are feasible and are consistent with the JDSF Research Plan.
2. Research and demonstration on the Forest will be overseen by the JDSF Research Committee for operational feasibility and for consistency with the JDSF Research Plan and current Forest policy. Committee members have pre-designated individual administrative responsibility and authority to develop and administer Forest research and demonstration programs, approve Forest Research Plans and projects, supervise Forest staff and develop budgets.
3. The JDSF Research Committee shall be comprised of the following:
  - The Region Chief or designee.
  - The Unit Chief (who provides oversight for the budget of the Forest and supervision).
  - The State Forest Program Manager (who is responsible for establishing Forest budgets and for coordinating research on all State Forests).
  - The Forest Manager (who is responsible for day-to-day management and long-term viability of the research program and research projects).
4. As needed, the Committee will request input from subject matter experts and Department professional scientists.
5. Specific Committee responsibilities include:
  - Review and approval/disapproval of proposed research and demonstration projects.
  - Forest-wide Research Plan development.
  - Update the Research Plan as necessary.
6. All new research and demonstration project proposals are to be submitted to the JDSF Research Committee for review and approval or disapproval. This review will be for operational and technical feasibility, and for consistency with the JDSF Research Plan. The JDSF Research Committee may delegate approval of research and demonstration proposals to the Forest Manager.
7. At the discretion of the JDSF Research Committee, research projects may be required to contribute to costs of maintenance of the Forest and its facilities that are associated with the projects.

8. The JDSF Research Committee will report to the Board as requested. The Research Plan is subject to the same periodic review by the Board as the Forest Management Plan. The Board will provide direction on potential future research to the JDSF Research Committee.